

Benefit Checklist (for Maine) February 2009-September 2009

Couple / Two person household

Monthly income is gross income, all sources including Social Security. If Medicare Part B premium of \$96.40 is withheld from your Social Security, it must be added in as part of gross income.

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$2,247** and one of us is older than 62 or we are disabled – You are probably eligible for Low Cost Drug Program. Saves you as much as 80% on generic prescription drugs, savings on some name brands specific to covered diseases also if you don't have Medicare yet. **If you do have Medicare, helps pay premium of Medicare Part D plan, lowers co-pay on name brand drugs under Medicare, pays 50% of Part D deductible, provides help on drug costs under Part D during any coverage gap (donut hole) period.**

☐ Our monthly income in 2007 was **less than \$8,812**. Age does not matter. You may qualify for the Maine Residents Property Tax and Rent Refund Program. If you paid property tax or rent in 2007, lived in Maine all the year of 2007, you might qualify for a refund. Deadline to apply for a 2007 refund is June 1, 2009. Application for 2008 may be made after August 1, 2009.

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$2,683 and one of us is at least age 60**. You may qualify for **Home Energy Assistance** to help pay some of your winter fuel costs. Application may be made between August 1, 2008-April 30, 2009. Call ACAP at 1-800-585-3053 to schedule an appointment to apply for this benefit.

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$1,925** and one of us is at least age 60. We have **less than \$3,000** in cash assets – You may be eligible for Food Stamps

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$2,347** and we receive Social Security – You may be eligible for Qualified Individual-1 (QI-1) or, if less than \$2,084 for Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary (SLMB). Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month, each person to your Social Security checks. You are eligible for extra benefits under the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$1,922** and we receive Social Security – You may be eligible for Qualified Medicare Beneficiary (QMB) Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month each person to your Social Security checks. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-payments saving you from buying Medicare supplements. You may also be eligible for extra benefits under the new Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program. **NO ASSET LIMIT** for this benefit.

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$1,315** and we are at least age 65 or are disabled. We have **less than \$15,000 cash** and interest bearing bank accounts – You may be eligible for Maine Care. Pays your Medicare Part B monthly premium adding an extra \$96.40 each month to your Social Security check. Pays Medicare deductibles and co-payments saving you from buying Medicare supplements, helps with prescription drug costs, provides some dental care, pays for medical transportation.

☐ Our monthly income is **less than \$973** and we are at least age 65 or are disabled and we have **less than \$3,000 in cash** and interest bearing accounts – You may be eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI). May provide some additional income and qualifies automatically for Maine Care benefits (see above).

For more information, an application for any benefit, or help completing an application contact
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